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This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Original) A pull-on disposable wearing article comprising:
 - front and rear waist regions opposed to each other and a crotch region extending between said waist regions;
 - a waist-surrounding upper end margin defined by said front and rear waist regions and extending in a transverse direction;
 - transversely opposite waist lateral margins defined by said front and rear waist regions and extending in a longitudinal direction so that said waist lateral margins of said front and rear waist regions are connected to form a waist-hole and a pair of leg-holes;
 - first and second leg-surrounding lateral margins defined by said crotch region and extending in a leg-surrounding direction;
 - a liquid-absorbent core laid in said front waist region, said rear waist region and said crotch region, or at least in said crotch region;
 - said crotch region being formed with a pair of first folding guide lines extending from two points on said first leg-surrounding lateral margin placed aside toward said front and rear waist regions, respectively, toward a transverse middle of said crotch region and a pair of second folding guide lines extending from two points on said second leg-surrounding lateral margin placed aside toward said front and rear waist regions, respectively, toward said transverse middle of said crotch region so that said crotch region is divided into a first zone enclosed by said first leg-surrounding lateral margin and said first folding guide lines so as to taper toward said transverse middle of said crotch region, a second zone enclosed by said second leg-surrounding lateral margin and said

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second folding guide lines so as to taper toward said transverse middle of said crotch region and a third zone except said first and second zones;

a first elastic member extending in the leg-surrounding direction across said first zone to said third zone is contractibly attached to the article inside the side edge of said core on the side of said first leg-surrounding lateral margin and a second elastic member extending in the leg-surrounding direction across said second zone to said third zone is contractibly attached to the article inside the side edge of said core on the side of said second leg-surrounding lateral margin; and

said first zone being pulled inward as viewed in the leg-surrounding direction under a contractile force of said first elastic member to form a tuck which is convex inwardly of said leg-hole and said second zone is pulled inward as viewed in the leg-surrounding direction under a contractile force of said second elastic member to form a tuck which is convex inwardly of said leg-hole.

2. (Original) The wearing article according to Claim 1, wherein said first and second elastic members exhibit a contraction percentage in a range of 25 to 70% on the basis of 100 representing a length of said first and second elastic members having been stretched at a predetermined ratio.

3. (Original) The wearing article according to Claim 1, wherein said first and second elastic members exhibit a stretch stress in a range of 0.1 to 3.0 N.

4. (Original) The wearing article according to Claim 1, wherein said core has stiffness lower in said first and second zones than in said third zone.

5. (Original) The wearing article according to Claim 1, wherein said core is absent in said first and second zones.

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6. (Original) The wearing article according to Claim 1, wherein said article comprises a liquid-pervious sheet facing a wearer's body, a liquid-impervious sheet facing away from the wearer's body and said core interposed between these sheets.

7. (previously presented) The wearing article according to claim 1, further comprising two longitudinal barriers disposed on opposite sides of said core to prevent lateral leakage of bodily discharge, wherein said first and second elastic members are disposed between and inwardly spaced from said longitudinal barriers.

8. (previously presented) The wearing article according to claim 1, wherein each of said first and second elastic members is directly attached to said core.

9. (previously presented) The wearing article according to claim 1, wherein said first and second elastic members are disposed below said core, between said core and an impervious cover sheet covering a lower surface of said core.

10. (previously presented) The wearing article according to claim 1, wherein said first and second elastic members are shorter than said core as measured in the longitudinal direction of said article.

11. (previously presented) A disposable wearing article, comprising:
front and rear waist regions opposed to each other and a crotch region extending in a longitudinal direction of said article between said waist regions;
a liquid-absorbent core laid at least in said crotch region;
a pair of first folding lines extending from a middle of said crotch region to a first longitudinal side edge of said article and toward said front and rear waist regions, respectively;

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a pair of second folding lines extending from said middle of said crotch region to an opposite, second longitudinal side edge of said article and toward said front and rear waist regions, respectively;

first and second elastic members extending in the longitudinal direction and intersecting said first and second folding lines, respectively; and

two longitudinal barriers disposed on opposite sides of said core to prevent lateral leakage of bodily discharge;

wherein said first and second elastic members are disposed between and inwardly spaced from said longitudinal barriers; and

wherein said first and second elastic members are pre-stretched so as to facilitate folding of said article along said first and second folding lines.

12. (previously presented) The wearing article according to claim 11, wherein said first and second elastic members exhibit a contraction percentage in a range of 25 to 70%, with said contraction percentage being determined by the formula

$$\{(A - B)/A\} \times 100$$

where A represents a pre-stretched length of the elastic members and B represents a length of the elastic members after contraction.

13. (previously presented) The wearing article according to claim 11, wherein said first and second elastic members exhibit a stretch stress in a range of 0.1 to 3.0 N.

14. (previously presented) The wearing article according to claim 11, wherein said core has a stiffness lower in first and second zones bordered by said first and second folding lines and the respective first and second longitudinal side edges than in a third zone outside said first and second zones.

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15. (previously presented) The wearing article according to claim 11, wherein said core is absent in first and second zones bordered by said first and second folding lines and the respective first and second longitudinal side edges.

16. (previously presented) The wearing article according to claim 11, further comprising a liquid-pervious sheet facing a wearer's body, a liquid-impervious sheet facing away from the wearer's body, wherein said core is interposed between said sheets.

17. (previously presented) The wearing article according to claim 11, further comprising third elastic members joined, in a stretched state, to said longitudinal barriers so as to rise, in use, above said core and said first and second elastic members.

18. (previously presented) The wearing article according to claim 11, wherein each of said first and second elastic members is directly attached to said core.

19. (previously presented) The wearing article according to claim 16, wherein said first and second elastic members are disposed below said core, between said core and said liquid-impervious sheet.

20. (previously presented) The wearing article according to claim 11, wherein said first and second elastic members are shorter than said core as measured in the longitudinal direction of said article.

21. (new) The wearing article according to claim 11, wherein said core is folded along said folding lines.

22. (new) The wearing article according to claim 1, wherein said core is folded along

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said folding guide lines and is present in said tuck.